

Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022

Administrative information

Holy Trinity Church in Hildersham is part of the Diocese of Ely within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Pear Tree Cottage, High Street, Hildersham, Cambs, CB21 6BU. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, Hildersham, is a Registered Charity, number 1153435.

As a registered charity the PCC has a responsibility to provide a service for the public benefit.

Public benefit is about knowing:

- what the charity is set up to achieve – the ‘charity’s purpose’
- how the charity’s purpose is beneficial – the ‘benefit aspect’
- how the charity’s purpose benefits the public or a sufficient section of the public – the ‘public aspect’ of the public benefit
- how the trustees will carry out the charity’s purpose for the public benefit - ‘furthering’ the charity’s purpose for the public benefits

The Trustees consider that, in the conduct of their business, they have complied with the duty set out in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

Structure, governance and management

The governing documents of the charity are:

The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended)

The Church Representation Rules 2020

These documents set out the arrangements for the appointment of PCC members (the Trustees) and for operation of the charity.

All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Holy Trinity, Hildersham PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church building, churchyard and surrounding areas bounded by Holy Trinity, Hildersham.

PCC Members who have served from the Annual Church Meeting on 19th April 2022 until the Annual Church Meeting in April 2023 were:

Rector: Revd. Iain McColl

Wardens: Vacant

<i>Treasurer:</i>	Mr Mervyn Wingfield
<i>Elected representatives of the laity:</i>	Mrs Rosalinde Gray
	Ms Anne-Marie Melloy
	Mrs Kirsten Newble
	Mrs Amanda Palmer
<i>Minutes Secretary</i>	<i>Vacant, rotates around PCC</i>
<i>Independent Examiner of the Financial Statement:</i>	Mr David Newble

Church attendance

There continue to be 34 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 8 of whom are not resident within the parish. During 2022 the attendance at both Communion and Evensong services increased as the effects of the Covid pandemic faded away, however they did not quite reach the heights of pre-pandemic Carol services for instance, perhaps due to the unfortunate clash of the Carol service with the World Cup final. Silent Space followed by compline returned to church on Tuesday evenings offering a quiet space to those wishing to pause and reflect during a busy week. This service continued to have a broad reach attracting attendees from Hildersham, Abington and Linton. Members of the Hildersham congregation also joined the online services offered by the ministry team and travelled to combined services in other churches within the Benefice.

Review of the year

The Ministry Team

Revd. Iain McColl is the Rector of the Granta Vale Benefice. He was supported by the Ministry Team which included: Revd. Kathy Bishop (Associate Priest), Revd Ben Brady (Curate), Mr Alistair Collen, Mr Stephen Wheeler and Kristi Stewart Elliot (Licensed Lay Ministers) and Authorised Lay Ministers Mr Keith Day (Music & Worship Leading) and Mrs Rosemary Mead (Pastoral Care).

Additionally, we supported the parish nurse Kim Cox and ordinands on attachment Jeanine Kennedy (until June 2022) and Hannah Threlfall. Revd Ben Brady joined in November as assistant Curate based in Abington Rectory. Revd. Kathy Bishop retired and was warmly thanked for her many years of service to the parish. It is hoped that she will return in 2023 after a sabbatical.

Serve the community

Three popular teatimes were held in church serving delicious teas to residents from Hildersham, Linton and the Abingtons. The first was at Easter and the Children's Church Council (CCC) also raised money at it for REACH by selling Easter flower baskets that they had made. An Autumn tea was held for which the CCC organised a community scavenger hunt and the final tea was held to

start Advent where the CCC sold their handmade Christmas decorations. The children had prepared for this by enjoying making elf decorations at the Creative Church Day using pine cones from the churchyard.

In light of the cost of living crisis, where energy prices in particular have soared, the Harvest Festival focus this year was on donating slow cookers to REACH in Haverhill for distribution to those in need to ensure that donated food could also be cooked. REACH has expanded its services and foodbank to include our Benefice this year. A wide selection of non-perishable food items were also given during the year via collection bags at the back of church.

During the year all residents of Hildersham received Easter bunny bags and handmade Christmas cards thanks to the CCC. The Gifts for Refugees appeal was again generously supported with over 150 gifts given to Cambridgeshire Social Services by those from Hildersham and the Abingtons. Lamb Sunday returned with a chance for all to welcome the arrival of Spring, enjoy seeing the new lambs in the village and gather over tea and home-made cake.

On the sad occasion of the passing of HM the Queen, Hildersham church hosted a book of condolence and a special service of thanksgiving for her life devoted to the people of our country. The church bells were tolled for an hour on the day after she passed and again before the funeral service.

Parish Nurse

Kim Cox supported the community in the role of Parish Nurse in 2022 both in person and via the telephone. The Community Café in Balsham and other gatherings in the villages continued to give her an opportunity to meet many more people than can be managed by individual visits. This extended the reach of the project to make a difference to as many people as possible.

Sadly Kim needed to retire later in the year and a considerable effort was made in the last quarter to recruit a replacement Parish Nurse given the obvious need in our parishes. Unfortunately this was not possible and hence Kim began to ensure those using the service had a successful handover and continuity of care. The PNMG are sadly bringing this project to a close after seven very successful years serving the community, more detail on which may be found in the full Parish Nurse report.

The Parish Nurse is employed by Hildersham PCC with the service overseen by the Parish Nurse Management Group (PNMG) under the Chairmanship of Revd Iain McColl. We thank the PNMG members; Genevieve Dalton, Keith Day, James Morrow and Suan Rowland for their time and commitment to the project.

Develop a healthy church and leaders

This year the range of Sunday services offered at Holy Trinity included Holy Communion, Morning Prayer and Evensong. The Tuesday evening Silent Space followed by Compline continued weekly, providing an opportunity to offer prayers for the church, local community and other matters of concern. It was a delight to hold the traditional Christmas nine lessons and carols service back in church for the first time since the pandemic bringing the whole community back together in celebration.

The House Group continued to meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship throughout the year. This is an ecumenical group engaging with Christians across the community, whether they attend Hildersham Church or worship elsewhere.

The Children's Church Council (CCC) met monthly and is a thriving group of ten local children aged between 8 and 15. They produce wonderful updates on the noticeboard to keep the congregation abreast of their thoughts and activities. Sustainability continued to be an important part of CCC principles, this year visible when the children researched the needs of hedgehogs and then constructed a wonderful hedgehog house in the churchyard.

The Granta Vale Churches Choir continues to meet to practice every Monday at Holy Trinity and has members representing every parish within our benefice. The choir contribute to the united service on the first Sunday of the month, evensong and the carol services around the benefice.

The library in the church offers books to be borrowed or browsed freely and the children's play area welcomes young visitors during church daily opening hours. There is a monthly article in the Abingtons and Hildersham News to keep residents up to date with activities.

Re-imagining the church building

Holy Trinity church is open daily to visitors and hosts events during the year for the whole community, as well as the regular services. Those interested in historical buildings often visit to view the wall paintings in particular and hikers drop in to enjoy the view while resting on the benches in the churchyard and to use the facilities. The Easter, Autumn and Advent teas are always welcomed and well attended. The church welcomed people from across the Benefice to discuss the joint submission towards the Deanery Development Plan. The churchyard continues to ensure that it is also welcoming for wildlife to the benefit of us all.

Building team

The church has again been cared for by a committed group of parishioners lead by David and Amanda Palmer. The usual annual checks have been made, these include the checking of fire extinguishers, PAT testing, gutter clearance, alarm service, boiler maintenance and so on. The lighting and heating have both required attention this year. The church insurance has been reviewed, as have the risk assessments. Keith Day has continued to care for the organ to ensure that it remains in good order. The churchyard is managed with both human and wildlife interests at heart to the benefit of both. Tree surgeons removed a diseased tree and their advice on removing the ivy from trees to reduce the possibility of storm damage to further trees was implemented.

Financial review

This has again been a more normal year with recovery from the pandemic. Overall our funds were reduced by nearly £3,500, but we still have nearly £70,000 in reserves, so it has not been too much of a struggle financially.

The differences from last year are:

- (1) Collections totaling £2273 were taken in the church, which is an improvement.
- (2) The Parish Nurse funds were reduced by about £7,000, and the future of this service is now under review, as a replacement nurse has not been found. There is still about £27,000 in this fund, which is administered by Hildersham PCC.
- (3) Other restricted funds reserves had a small surplus in total. The Shared Ministry Costs fund stayed positive, with other PCCs making their revised contributions.

Unrestricted and designated funds had a surplus of over £3,000.

The PCC would like to thank everyone involved in supporting the church's finances during the year, thus ensuring that we remain on a stable financial footing.

Thank you

The PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank all who gave so generously of their time to church in so many ways this year. Thanks to those who kept the church building both open daily and in a safe and welcoming state through cleaning, tending the churchyard, flower arranging, maintaining both the organ and building. Everyone helped make sure that life in church could thankfully return to normal and the church was always a pleasure to visit after the strange times during the pandemic. Thank you so much. The PCC also wishes to thank the team of key-holders who open and close the church daily, whatever the weather, it is greatly appreciated. Finally the PCC thanks all the parishioners for their continued support of the Church this year.

PCC March 2023



Charity Name		No (if any)	
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HILDERSHAM		1153435	
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2022		31/12/2022

A1 Voluntary Income/ Receipts - TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Designated funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year (2021) to the nearest £
Tax efficient planned giving	9,082	3,846	-	12,928	13,021
Other planned giving	-	600	-	600	600
Collections at services	2,273	-	-	2,273	489
All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	727	3,750	12	4,489	3,863
Gift Aid recovered	2,658	1,594	-	4,252	3,878
Legacies received (capital value)	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (include recurring and one-off)	-	3,931	-	3,931	6,633
Gross income from fundraising activities	676	-	-	676	80
Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	720	2,621	-	3,341	3,339
Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	2,034	-	-	2,034	1,023
Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	600	-	-	600	400
Any other income/ receipts not already listed	-	-	-	-	-
7 Churches Ministry Costs	-	15,238	-	15,238	13,285
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,770	31,580	12	50,361	46,611

Total receipts

18,770	31,580	12	50,361	46,611
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A3 Payments -TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	54	478	-	532	284
Mission giving and donations	546	-	-	546	50
Diocesan parish share contribution	7,274	-	-	7,274	10,643
Salaries, wages and honoraria	-	15,613	-	15,613	12,491
Clergy and staff expenses	-	15,152	-	15,152	14,843
Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	-	796	-	796	439
Church running expenses	1,377	5,961	75	7,413	5,160
Church utility bills	1,485	-	-	1,485	1,326
Churchyard Maintenance and Gardening	-	120	-	120	628
Cost of trading	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs and enhancements to church buildings	-	-	-	-	679
Church Insurance and Security Systems	3,231	-	-	3,231	3,887
New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property	-	-	-	-	-
7 Churches Ministry Costs	1,628	-	-	1,628	1,451
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,596	38,120	75	53,791	51,881

Total payments

15,596	38,120	75	53,791	51,881
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Net of receipts/(payments)

3,174	- 6,540	- 63	- 3,429	- 5,279
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A5 Transfers between funds

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A6 Cash funds last year end (2021)

26,838	46,646	848	74,332	
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Cash funds this year end (2022)

30,012	40,106	785	70,902	
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Categories	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	FUNDS AT 31.12.2022	FUNDS AT 31.12.2021
B1 CASH FUNDS	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Community ACC 1	29,003	20,776	785	50,564	45,695
Barclays Community ACC 2		1,191		1,191	2,765
Barclays Savings ACC 1		8,265		8,265	15,117
Country Fayre Account	1,008			1,008	1,008
CBF Deposit Account		3,513		3,513	3,467
CBF Repair Fund Account		6,362		6,362	6,279
Total Funds	30,012	40,106	785	70,902	74,332

B2A Other monetary assets		Details	Opening Balance 1.1.2022 to nearest £	Restricted income to nearest £	Restricted expenditure to nearest £	Closing Balance 31.12.2022 to nearest £
GENERAL REPAIR FUNDS RESTRICTED						
		General Repair Reserve	8,762	1,058	-	9,820
		Sexton's Trust	1,550	280	1,802	28
		Rector's Trust	404	320	601	123
		Sub Total:	10,716	1,658	2,404	9,970
B2B Other monetary assets		Details	Opening Balance 1.1.2022 to nearest £	Restricted income to nearest £	Restricted expenditure to nearest £	Closing Balance 31.12.2022 to nearest £
SKINNER BEQUEST RESTRICTED			447	613	120	940
GOODWIN TRUST RESTRICTED			622	1,316	796	1,142
COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND RESTRICTED			255	-	-	255
PARISH NURSE RESTRICTED			34,311	12,055	19,073	27,293
7 CHURCHES MINISTRY COSTS RESTRICTED			294	15,938	15,727	505
HOLY TRINITY HILDERSHAM MINISTRY COSTS APPORTIONMENT UNRESTRICTED		£1,628.40				
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS			46,646	31,580	38,120	40,106
UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND AND DESIGNATED FUNDS			27,686	18,782	15,671	30,796
GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS						70,902
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Details	Fund Value 1.1.2022	Current value 31.12.2022	Gain/Loss	
HILDERSHAM GOODWIN TRUST			48,405	42,707	-	5,698
CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE FUND			23,365	20,615	-	2,751
TOTAL GAIN IN YEAR					-	8,449
B5 Liabilities		Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due		
DECEMBER SALARIES FEES AND EXPENSES TO BE PAID IN JANUARY			PARISH NURSE	-		
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signatures	Print Name		Date of approval	

Notes:



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity,
Hildersham

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1153435

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation
of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act
2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a
proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

D.A. Newble

Date:

11 April 2023

Name:

David Newble

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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